

Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** pornography presents youth with a false and distorted image of human sexuality, devoid of love, commitment, and responsibility; and
- WHEREAS,** pornography leads both children and adults into destructive sexual addictions; and
- WHEREAS,** pornography contributes to the breakup of marriages; and
- WHEREAS,** much pornography features and promotes sexual violence and other irresponsible behavior in an era of increasing sexual violence and an epidemic of sexually transmitted diseases; and
- WHEREAS,** so-called "adult" pornography is commonly used by pedophiles to desensitize children and break down their resistance to sexual acts; and
- WHEREAS,** children molest other children in imitation of what they have seen in pornography; and
- WHEREAS,** there are federal and state obscenity laws against hardcore pornography to protect public safety, public health, and public morality; and
- WHEREAS,** the U.S. Supreme Court has held that obscenity is not protected speech under the First Amendment and that there are "legitimate state interests at stake in stemming the tide of commercialized obscenity; and
- WHEREAS,** Americans throughout this great nation will be participating in White Ribbon Against Pornography Week in various ways in support of the enforcement of obscenity and related laws.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim October 30 through November 6, 2005, as

WHITE RIBBON AGAINST PORNOGRAPHY WEEK

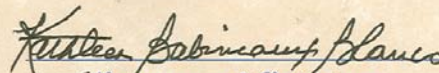
in the State of Louisiana.



Attest By
The Governor


Secretary of State

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this
the 1st day of November
A.D., 2005*


Governor of Louisiana